

LEOPARD LINK

September 2017



Principal's Message:

Dear Parents and Students-

Welcome back to school. We are so excited to have another year underway. We have added some really awesome staff members to Larsen, and wanted to introduce them. We have Mrs. Murphy-Kindergarten, Mrs. Kay-1st Grade, Ms. Flanders and Mrs. Ormond-2nd Grade, Mrs. Howard-4th, Mrs. Cook and Ms. Scott-6th Grade, Mrs. Roundy-Counselor, Mrs. Townsend-Psychologist, Mrs. Yarn-Resource, Mrs. Frasche-Office Secretary/Technician, Ms. Twede-Technician, Mr. Peterson-Digital Coach, Mrs. Holt-Keyboarding Specialist, Ms. Grant- Literacy Coach, and Mrs. Mayne-Dance Specialist. We are grateful to have all of the expertise that these new staff members bring. We are also excited to welcome aboard our mascot Lizzy, known as "L". She will be an awesome addition to Larsen for many years to come. A BIG THANKS to Ms. Scott for all of her efforts in creating our mascot.

We are looking forward to some exciting field trips and amazing learning activities that will be available to students during the upcoming month. We also look forward to the opportunities that the PTA is providing for not only students, but parents as well. Larsen is in such a great community of people who care. The efforts put into seeing kids succeed is amazing.

Just a couple of reminders. In an effort to keep our students safe, watch carefully when entering and exiting the drive through. Also, if you aren't parked up against the sidewalk, please remind your students to either use the crosswalk, or wait until you have parked your car, and come to help your students cross the drive through safely. We also want to ask again that if you would like to get notes and information to your children because plans have changed, try and call before 2pm so that we have enough time to get the information out.

Thanks for your continued support and help in making our school great!

-Mrs. Thomas

PTA NEWS

Upcoming activities and dates:

The next PTA meeting will be on September 5th at 3pm. We have moved meetings to after school in hopes that more parents will be able to attend the meetings. We love to have the input of parents as faculty and staff work together in planning fun and effective things for students and their families

The PTA is beginning their first 7 Habits, date night meeting, for parents. This will be held on Thursday, September 7th, from 6:30-7:30pm. We will meet in the South Theater for an hour presentation on one of the habits. Come join in this wonderful opportunity that the PTA is providing, so that parents are able to speak the same language that their students are learning, as we are all working to become good people and effective leaders.

Thanks to all of the parents and teachers who attended the Room Mothers Tea. We are so appreciative of those parents who are able to sacrifice their time in helping teachers get the volunteers needed to cover the activities and field trips that we are afforded to have. Kids love seeing their parents in this environment, and teachers really appreciate having the support. .

PTA is always looking for more volunteers. We would love any and all ideas to help Larsen be a great place for our children and teachers to thrive. Please contact PTA President Holly Frasche [\(801\) 691-8087](tel:8016918087) if you are interested in helping.

STUDENT “SPOT” LIGHTS

Students will be working on both individual and class goals. Leopard Leaders will be chosen and honored from each class in the school. Leopard Leaders are those students who are exemplifying good leadership qualities and treating students and staff with respect. Our school attributes are as follows: Leopard Leaders, Accept All, Respect Self, Show Success, Empower Others, and Notice Needs.

Class goals for September are the least amount of tardies, the best lunchroom manners, and the best Art Specialty Class.

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

- ❖ **Sept. 5th:** **Picture Day**
PTA Meeting at 3pm
- ❖ **Sept. 7th:** **Parent Date Night: 6:30-7:30pm**
- ❖ **Sept. 8th:** **Hearing Screening**
- ❖ **Sept. 14th:** **Day of Caring-Jr. Achievements**
- ❖ **Sept. 18th:** **Students out at noon- All Kinder Classes come
in the
Morning**
- ❖ **Sept. 25th:** **Vision Screening**
- ❖ **Sept. 29th:** **Leopard Pride Assembly at 2pm**



* Just A Reminder *



Please make sure to relink you Perks membership account at Macey's grocery store to Larsen Elementary. Last year our school received the highest amount of \$10,000 thanks to all you wonderful parents. Here is what Macey's says about the program:

"School Cents is our way of giving back and supporting our communities' education system. The School Cents program is run through Macey's Perks® program allowing us to electronically track the rewards each school earns. Your school will earn one percent* of every purchase made by its supporters."

Here is the link if you have any further questions:

<http://maceys.com/school-cents>

Please try and make after school arrangements before dropping your child off at school for the day. We understand that plans can change, but if this occurs, give the school a call by 1:30pm on Mondays, and 2:00pm on other days, so that

the office staff has time to get the information to your children. Thanks for your help with this.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

This month for Character Education, we have been working on being successful students by finding balance in our lives through mindfulness. Here are a few links to find out more information. What mindfulness is and how it's proven by research to be a healthy and effective daily practice:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzR62JJCMBQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqoxYKtEWEc>

Where you can go to do some mindfulness activities with your kids:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_vEZTrmtyA&t=3s

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yYQKF-9poLM&list=PLEnDXBMUtQ1OQvUi4487LyyQUY12qOznQ>

More Resources: <https://www.headspace.com/how-it-works>

https://www.amazon.com/Sitting-Still-Like-Frog-Mindfulness-ebook/dp/B00GS6H3E6/ref=dp_kinw_strp_1

https://www.amazon.com/Handful-Quiet-Happiness-Four-Pebbles-ebook/dp/B00APDASFY/ref=dp_kinw_strp_1

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